

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:	MATSUHIRA et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1637
Serial No.:	10/588,597)	Examiner:	Babic, C. M.
Filed:	FEBRUARY 4, 2007)	Conf. No.:	9532
Atty. File No.:	5426FP-1)		
For:	METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION THEREOF)	<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u>	
)	<i>Submitted Via Electronic Filing</i>	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FOR OFFICE ACTION

And Interview Summary

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office action having a mailing date of August 28, 2009. In addition, a petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee are being submitted herewith, thereby extending the time of response from November 28, 2009 to February 28, 2010 (Sunday). As the due date of this response fell on a Sunday this response is being filed on the next regular business day (March 1, 2010) and is therefore to be considered timely. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970. Please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Interview Summary is found on page 5 of the Remarks section.